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MINUTES
March 10, 2003

Voting Members Present

Ariele Belo
Gusty-Lee Boulware
Cheryl Buettemeier
Jane Campbell
Sandy Duncan
Marianna Klon
Charlene Robbins
Kari Tanta
Becky Thibodeaux
Nancy Hatfield
Kay Lancaster

Representing

Special Populations
Higher Education
Developmental Center
Region 4 DDD
Early Identification Service
King County DD Board
Parent, King County
Medical Community
Public Health Department
Special Populations
Early Head Start

Employer

Hearing, Speech and Deafness Center
University of Washington EEU
Boyer Children's Clinic
DSHS, DDD
Children's Health Access Program (CHAP)

Valley Medical Center
Seattle King County Public Health
Puget Sound ESD-Washington Sensory Disabilities
Neighborhood House

Community Members

Laura Blankinship
Nicki Gael
Ann Eggrton
Ann Maxwell
Cheryl Nelson
Judy Perry
Jane Place
Laurie Vanderboon
Gary Waddington

King County DD Board
Children's Services of Sno
Medical Assistance Administration (MAA)—EPSDT Manager
Children's Country Home
Denise Louie Education Center (Special Needs/Mental Health)
Highline Community College
Childhaven
Children's Services of Sno Valley
Shield Health Care

Staff Present

Rachel Petty
Jan Wrathall

Introductions

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Jane Campbell and seconded by Kari Tanta to approve January 2003 minutes. Minutes Approved

Community Announcements & ICC Member Reports

o Lead FRC

Sandy Duncan

- The Family Resource Coordinator (FRC) training is March 11th from 10am-12pm at the Region IV office. The State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Region IV, Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) staff will share the services they offer and updates to services.
- The FRC training on April 1st from 10am-12pm is in Renton. Joan Lewis will present on 'Working with Private Health Insurance Companies'.
- Lead FRC outreach: attended a community resource fair in Kent along with Gary Waddington; met with Swedish Hospital and the neonatal program in person to establish a link there.
- The Family Education Guide (from the OSPI - Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction) was revised. The website is www.k12.wa.us.
- The Alien Emergency Medical (AEM) program information is available from Sandy Duncan.
- The Duncan Seminar is on March 14th at the Shoreline Conference Center. The topic is Spina Bifida.
- Family Outreach for Rural Communities in Leavenworth is June 27-29th. Space and scholarships may be available for entire families to attend. Contact bean@arcwa.org or 888-754-8798.

o Legislative update

Rachel Petty for Cathy Murahashi

Issues that are dead include:

SB5931/HB1804 - requiring school districts to extend special education services to children with disabilities birth to three.

SB5445/HB1067 - extends health plan coverage for neurodevelopment therapies to children under age 18 years.

SB5566/HB1623 - prioritization of services to person with developmental disabilities;

SB5873 is being rewritten as a vehicle to prioritize these services, but no comment can be made since the ARC has not yet seen a copy of this new legislation.

Issues that are still alive:

SB5630 - creates a request for proposal to counties or groups of counties to develop a five-year pilot project to design an infrastructure for managing social and health services at the local level.

SB5971 - directs the consolidation of rehabilitation centers through the closure of Fircrest. The net proceeds of the land sale will be for the sole purpose of providing services to people with developmental disabilities and their families. The potential

value of the sale is between \$30-90 million and could fund many of the 9000 unserved persons and help offset cuts to this year's budget.

- o SB 5473 will require the training of police officers in developmental disabilities and mental illness recognition and appropriate methods for working with such individuals
- o HB1545 consolidates early intervention into OSPI has been amended.
- o Boyer Children's Center has an opening for a Special Education Teacher.
- o Valley Medical Center has begun expanding and therefore more south end needs are better filled. Phase in has started and the facility will be completed in July.

Guest Presentation

Medical Assistance Administration (MAA)

Ann Egerton, Olympia (EPSDT Manager)

Legislation is changing and the climate is uncertain. MAA and DDD services have different eligibility criteria and have different goals. The presentation will focus mainly on MAA. DDD eligibility is based on a diagnosis, where income is not a factor. MAA eligibility is based only on income level, regardless of a diagnosis. MAA pays for over 43% of the births in Washington State. All of these births are automatically covered for the first year of the baby's life currently, regardless of changes in income during that year. MAA has a complete and full benefit package for children, which exceeds many commercial plans. These benefits are required services by the federal government.

- o The best we can do for getting services to residents is to be aware of what resources are available and how to take full advantage of them. A chart, the EPSDT (Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment), a well child exam, is given to physician offices and goes in their files. It is also available at no cost to the public and in any quantity. It would be good to have these given to all parents too. The chart shows developmental milestones and a copy is given to parents. The charts are available for up to age 21 years.
- o Dental exams are recommended as soon as tooth erupts. WA has a shortage of dentists, but King County is looking at starting a prevention program to help parents better get their children into dental offices (geared for 0-5 year olds).
- o Changes in income eligibility are effective the first of April by the Federal government. More information on these changes is available at www.access.wa.gov then go to MAA.publications. Guidelines are also available via Sandy Duncan.

Further questions/comments:

- o A provider training is being set up on how to bill for services.
- o has a different income level for birth -18yrs that is 200% and 250% of the federal poverty line versus MAA , which is only up to 200%. The benefit packages are identical otherwise. This differs from Basic Health. Medicaid/CHIP have the same application process - which facilitates ease of administration.
- o There is a difficulty in physicians accepting MAA coupons. The majority of MAA is a fee-for-service and these clients in particular have difficulty. Whereas, Healthy Options clients are guaranteed access to providers.
- o CHAP refers families with Medical coupons to physicians and dentists.

- The EPSDT is required by the federal government and for MAA to receive matching funds. The law states that medical service treatment must be provided for any medical condition that is identified during an EPSDT.
- A longitudinal study, by an external agency, is looking at whether using a standard form will result in more exams being completed.
- Only 20% of children eligible in some age groups are having the EPSDT. The form takes into account different possible delays.
- Are physicians referring if a delay is seen? Answer: Parents are the primary advocate and experts. We can support them by giving them information.
- Who is the chart distributed to? Answer: Typically, physician offices order age-group they need; Head Start gives the chart to parents.
- Chart is being revised to include some mental health issues. Mental health division has requested a new Medicaid waiver. BrainNet has been eliminated.
- Suggestion: Place the phone number of Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies on the Birth to Three EPSDT Chart in case parents or physicians have questions about a child's development. (Nicki Gael/Sandy Duncan)
- A good screening tool for autism is found at www.firstsigns.org (more info available from Gusty-Lee Boulware at boulware@eeu.edu)
- To distinguish between SMAA and SSI\Healthy Options:
On coupon if something is under HMO, then the coupon is for Healthy Options, if blank, then SSI, Title 19/CAP waiver.
- How are people assigned to an HMO? Answer: Usually chosen by person and they can change option.

Operations Committee

Sandy Duncan

- Announcements of new member applicants: Both Kay Lancaster of Early Head Start and Nancy Hatfield of Puget Sound ESD were approved by the KCICC voting members. Move to approve by Marianna Klon. None opposed. Early Head Start is mandated to serve children with developmental disabilities. At least 10% of their slots to children are those on IFSPs or IEPs. The services are primarily home based and also some center based child groups. There has been great collaboration with Boyer and other centers. Nancy Hatfield represents Special populations. She works at Puget Sound ESD where they provide training and support for those with sensory disabilities.
- Child Find Task Force update: The current emphasis is on child care providers.
 - Info packets are given to public health nurses, rather than mailing to all child cares. The info packets will likely include: 'Watch me grow' charts (with different languages on back), which is also what families get in the mail; 'Growth to six' charts; letters for providers to help them in how best to talk with families about their children that may have possible delays; Community Health Access Program (CHAP) cards; Brain Net brochure; Children with Special Health care needs brochure.
 - The next steps are outreach to physicians and to check with other birth to three providers on their outreach activities as to not duplicate efforts.

- Note: King County DDD contracts with Childcare Resources to train child care providers to do developmental screenings. The 2002 and 2003 contracts have emphasized training to limited English speaking providers. (Future contracts may emphasize autism training.)
- o Move of ICC with King County DD Board
Marianna Klon
 - The Ad hoc group met. Marianna presented to the DD Board at the March 3rd meeting and noted that birth to three issues: take King County DDD staff time and funding, but has not been well emphasized at DD Board as a lifetime long issue; can be a larger voice legislatively and can help advise the Board and the Board help advise the KCICC; KCICC would retain our own autonomy - by-laws, contract mandates, etc., but become more effective through our numbers, associations, coalitions, by the ICC aligning with the Board; the Board can provide direction, leverage, accountability and knowledge with achieving KCICC goals; need for a more seamless system of DD representation and advising, and a focus on birth through life.
 - The next step is to bring more details and concrete decision to the next DD Board meeting in April. What can we bring to DD board - have them respond to our reports, recommendations, etc. What can we offer?
 - Board interested in voting on proposal in future. KCICC voted and agree to make a more formal alignment with the DD Board as a subcommittee of the DD Board. None opposed.

Staff Reports

- o Jan Wrathall passed out a KCICC 2003 Workplan draft outlining upcoming events and issues for the ICC. Particularly, the family services committee needs to be staffed. Encourage participation by non-KCICC parents. Charlene Robbins will consider chairing this with staff support. Cathy Murahashi will be asked to help with this group. Issues for this committee may be transition meetings, orientation packets, conversation with families outcomes, etc. The other upcoming issue is the three year plan for ITEIP. This is on track, but the ICC is responsible for writing part of the plan which is due to ITEIP in September.
- o Jan will be staffing a Collaborations sub-committee and asking Donna Borgford Parnell for her help to develop Interagency Agreements. Others will be invited to participate as well.

The next meeting is May 12th at 5:30pm at Region IV, 1700 E. Cherry Street. A light dinner will be served. Note that due to lack of interest, childcare will be no longer be available. However, we encourage families to participate in the KCICC and may provide stipends to help with travel and childcare.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40p.m.



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